

Claims 19-39 are cancelled.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. Claims 19-39 have been cancelled as withdrawn claims directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 4-12 and 16 have been amended to recite different sequence homologies. Support for these amendments can be found at least at p. 24, lines 25-31 and the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added with these amendments. Claims 1-18 are currently pending.

I. Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to update the status of the priority application in this case and to remove hyperlink text as requested by the Examiner. No new matter had been added with these amendments.

II. Double Patenting

A terminal disclaimer is enclosed which overcomes this rejection.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 4-12 (and 16, for consistency) have been amended to recite different sequence homologies to speed prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in continuation applications.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that each rejection has been addressed and overcome. Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6627.

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